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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.112**

This is a response to an Office Action mailed October 22, 2004. Since Jan. 22, 2005 was a Saturday, this response is due on Jan. 24, 2005.

**a.     Introductory Comments**

Claims 1 – 22 were pending and rejected in the Office Action.

Herein, Applicants make no amendments.

Applicants request reconsideration.